



SALEM FIRE-EMS

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE:

STRUCTURE FIRE WITH FATALITY

1612 ROANOKE BLVD.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 1612 Roanoke Blvd. Saturday night at approximately 9:39 p.m. A male victim was located in the home and removed by Salem Fire and EMS personnel within six minutes of their arrival. That person has been identified as 61-year-old Walter Reid Woodyard, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Salem Fire Marshal has determined that the fire was accidental in nature, but it remains under investigation.

The first units arrived within four minutes of receiving the call and found heavy smoke and flames coming from the front of the house. Crews were able to contain the fire to one room in the home where the victim was found during the search and rescue operations.

Approximately 20 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Medic 802, & Medic 803) responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department Tanker 9 provided staffing to cover additional calls within the City of Salem.

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